

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/906,995	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KINOSHITA, HARUHIKO	
	<b>Examiner</b> Yogesh C. Garg	<b>Art Unit</b> 3625	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Yogesh C. Garg. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Attorney Mr. B. Hennessey. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 13 February 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney Mr. Hennessey agreed for canceling claims 2-4 and 8-9 and amend claims 1 and 5-7 via an Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
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Examiner's signature, if required

## Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

### Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

### Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

#### Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

#### 37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,  
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

### Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

**Appl. No. 09/906,995**

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**PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the teleconference occurring on or about February 13, 2007 between the Examiner and the Attorney for Applicants, Applicants suggest the following amendments to the subject application:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A system for performing a mileage service depending on a distance traveled by a vehicle, comprising:

a boarding reservation terminal;

a boarding acceptance terminal;

a boarder information database device;

a mileage information database device; and

a corporation vs. individual relationship information database device;

wherein each of the devices and terminals is connected to each other device and terminal by a communication link;

wherein said boarding reservation terminal includes means for accepting a boarding reservation and means for transmitting boarding reservation information;

wherein said boarding acceptance terminal includes means for accepting a boarding information and means for transmitting boarding acceptance information to said boarder information database device;

wherein said boarder information database device comprises:

a boarder information database,

means for receiving said boarding reservation information transmitted from said boarding reservation terminal,

means for asking said mileage information database device for customer attributes with respect to at least the mileage service of a boarding customer based on said boarding reservation information,

means for recording said boarding reservation information and said customer attributes in combination,

means for returning said boarding reservation information and said customer attributes in combination to said boarding reservation terminal,

means for receiving said boarding acceptance information transmitted from said boarding acceptance terminal,

means for storing said boarding acceptance information in said boarder information database, and means for transmitting said boarding acceptance information to said mileage information database device;

wherein said mileage information database device comprises:

a mileage information database storing accumulated miles information and said customer attributes,

means for retrieving said customer attributes from said mileage information database in response to an inquiry about said customer attributes from said boarder information database device,

means for transmitting the retrieved customer attributes to said boarder information database,

means for receiving said boarding acceptance information transmitted from said boarder information database device, and

means for asking said corporation vs. individual relationship information database device for corporation vs. individual relationship information indicative of whether said boarding customer is employed by a corporation registered for a corporate mileage service, and

means for determining whether usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service is for a business of a corporation, based on comparison between a working date and a working location of the employee and a usage date and a location of using the vehicle covered by the mileage service; and

mileage information storing means adapted to:

subtract miles included in said boarding information from accumulated miles of said boarding customer if said boarding customer is employed by the corporation registered for the corporate mileage service based on said corporation vs. individual relationship information transmitted from said corporation vs. individual relationship information database device,

add the subtracted miles included in said boarding information to miles of the corporation, and

reflect the result of the subtraction and the addition of the miles included in said boarding information in said mileage information database;

wherein said corporation vs. individual relationship information database device comprises:

a corporation vs. individual relationship information database storing in combination corporate mileage identification numbers of corporations registered for the corporate mileage service and personal mileage identification numbers of individuals employed by the corporations,

means for retrieving corporation vs. individual relationship information from said corporation vs. individual relationship information database in response to an inquiry from said mileage information database device, and

means for transmitting the retrieved corporation vs. individual relationship information to said mileage information database device.

**2-4. (Canceled)**

**5. (Currently Amended)** A system for performing a mileage service depending on a distance traveled by a vehicle covered by the mileage service, comprising:

a reservation terminal for using the vehicle covered by the mileage service;

an acceptance terminal for using the vehicle covered by the mileage service;

a usage information database device;

a mileage information database device storing accumulated miles information; and

a corporation vs. individual relationship information database device;

wherein each of the devices and terminals is connected to each other device and terminal by a communication link;

wherein said reservation terminal comprises:

means for accepting a reservation for using the mileage service, and

means for transmitting reservation details to said usage information database device;

wherein said acceptance terminal comprises:

means for accepting usage of a mileage-related service or payment of a consideration to use the vehicle covered by the mileage service, and

means for transmitting usage details to said usage information database device;

wherein said usage information database device comprises:

a usage information database storing information of the usage details of the mileage-related service or the payment of the consideration,

means for receiving said usage details,

means for storing the received usage details in said usage information database,

and

means for transmitting said usage details to said mileage information database device;

wherein said corporation vs. individual relationship information database device comprises:

✓ a corporation vs. individual relationship information database storing in combination corporate mileage identification numbers of corporations registered for a corporate mileage service and personal mileage identification numbers of individuals employed by the corporations,

means for retrieving corporation vs. individual relationship information from said corporation vs. individual relationship information database in response to an inquiry from said mileage information database device, and

means for transmitting the retrieved corporation vs. individual relationship information to said mileage information database device;

wherein said mileage information database device comprises:

a mileage information database storing accumulated miles information,

means for receiving said usage details transmitted from said usage information database device,



✓ means for asking said corporation vs. individual relationship information database for corporation vs. individual relationship information indicative of whether a mileage service recipient is employed by one of the corporations or not is not employed by one of the corporations based on said usage details,

means for determining whether miles earned by an employee of the corporation for the usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service belong to the corporation or the employee, based on said corporation vs. individual relationship information,

means for determining whether usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service is for a business of a corporation, based on comparison between a working date and a working location of the employee and a usage date and a location of using the vehicle covered by the mileage service, and

means for storing the earned miles selectively as accumulated miles of the corporation or accumulated miles of the employee in said mileage information database, based on the result determined by the means for determining and said usage details. ✓

**6. (Currently Amended)** A system for performing a mileage service depending on a distance traveled by a vehicle covered by the mileage service, comprising:

- a reservation terminal for using the vehicle covered by the mileage service;
- an acceptance terminal for accepting an application for using the vehicle covered by the mileage service;
- a usage information database device;
- a mileage information database device storing accumulated miles information;
- a corporation vs. individual relationship information database device; and

a working information database device;

wherein each of the devices and terminals is connected to each other device and terminal by a communication link;

wherein said reservation terminal comprises:

means for accepting a reservation for a boarding covered by the mileage service,

and

means for transmitting reservation details to said usage information database device;

wherein said acceptance terminal comprises:

means for accepting usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service or payment of a consideration to use the vehicle covered by the mileage service, and

means for transmitting usage details to said usage information database device;

wherein said usage information database device comprises:

a usage information database storing information of the usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service or the payment of the consideration,

means for receiving said usage details, means for storing the received usage details in said usage information database, and

means for transmitting said usage details to said mileage information database device;

wherein said corporation vs. individual relationship information database device comprises:

✓ a corporation vs. individual relationship information database storing in combination corporations registered for a corporate mileage service and personal mileage identification numbers of employees of the corporations,

means for retrieving added miles recipient information from said corporation vs. individual relationship information database in response to an inquiry from said mileage information database device for information as to whether an individual as an added miles recipient belongs to one of the corporations registered for the corporate mileage service, and

✓ means for transmitting corporation vs. individual relationship information indicative of whether the retrieved added miles recipient is employed by the corporation registered for the corporate mileage service or is not employed by the corporation registered for the corporate mileage service to said mileage information database device;

wherein said working information database device comprises:

a working information database storing working information of the employee, and

means for transmitting the working information in response to an inquiry;

wherein said mileage information database device comprises:

a mileage information database storing accumulated miles information,

means for asking said corporation vs. individual relationship information database for corporation vs. individual relationship information based on said usage details transmitted from said usage information database device,

means for asking said working information database for working information of the employee as the mileage service recipient,

means for determining whether miles earned by the usage of the mileage service or the payment of the consideration belong to the corporation or the employee as a mileage

service recipient, based on said working information and said corporation vs. individual relationship information,

✓ means for determining whether usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service is for a business of a corporation, based on comparison between a working date and a working location of the employee and a usage date and a location of using the vehicle covered by the mileage service, and

means for storing the earned miles selectively as accumulated miles of the corporation or as accumulated miles of the employee in said mileage information database, based on a result determined by said means for determining.

**7. (Currently Amended)** A method of performing a mileage service depending on a distance traveled by a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

registering in combination corporations registered for a corporate mileage service and personal mileage identification numbers assigned to employees of the corporations in a corporation vs. individual relationship information database;

transmitting the personal mileage identification number assigned to one of the employees of one of the corporations when a boarding reservation is made using a boarding reservation terminal;

transmitting boarding acceptance information including boarding details when a boarding process is carried out for a boarder using a boarding acceptance terminal;

receiving said boarding acceptance information and said personal mileage identification number,

adding miles earned by said boarder to accumulated miles of said boarder using said personal mileage identification number as a retrieval key, and

asking said corporation vs. individual relationship information database for information as to whether said boarder is an employee of one of the corporations registered for the corporate mileage service, using said personal mileage identification number as a retrieval key;

determining whether usage of the vehicle covered by the mileage service is for a business of a corporation, based on comparison between a working date and a working location of the employee and a usage date and a location of using the vehicle covered by the mileage service;  
and

if said boarder is an employee of one of the corporations registered for the corporate mileage service, subtracting miles from accumulated miles of said boarder, adding the subtracted miles to accumulated miles of said one of the corporations, and reflecting the subtraction and addition of miles in a mileage information database.

**8-9. (Canceled)**